

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2287 - SB 2248

February 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to issue up to eight temporary sport hunting licenses for four consecutive days to hunt deer and turkey in Lewis County during the designated seasons three times per year at a cost of \$10.00 to Purple Heart medal recipients and any volunteer hunting guides who assist such recipients regardless of their state of residence.

Requires the Director to consult with organizations that host guided deer or turkey hunts for Purple Heart medal recipients in Lewis County when scheduling of the hunts occur.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$2,300/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill would require TWRA to issue 24 discounted licenses each year for resident and non-resident Purple Heart recipients for a cost of \$10 each.
- The current license fee for residents hunting deer or turkey is \$68.
- The current license fee for non-residents hunting deer or turkey is \$214.50 for a 7-day trip license.
- Based on information provided by TWRA, it is assumed that several special hunts involving Purple Heart recipients occur in Lewis County each year.
- It is unknown how many individuals attend these hunting events and how many attend multiple times a year. It is estimated that at least 24 sports hunting licenses are annually purchased by Purple Heart recipients or volunteer hunting guides who assist such recipients and will now be purchased at the \$10 fee.
- Assuming that 18 residents and 6 non-residents purchase such permits annually under current law, it is estimated that the total recurring revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is \$2,511 [(18 resident permits x \$68 license fee) + (6 non-resident permits x \$214.50 license fee)].
- Under the provisions of the bill, the recurring revenue to the Fund is estimated to be \$240 (24 permits x \$10 license fee).

- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$2,271 (\$2,511 - \$240).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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